

**Camden Select Board
Minutes of Meeting
December 7, 2010**

PRESENT: Chairperson Karen Grove, Vice Chairperson Deborah Dodge, John French, Jr., Morgan Laidlaw, Martin Cates, Town Manager Roberta Smith, and Town Attorney William Kelly. Also present were members of the press and public.

Contents

1. Public input on non-agenda items.

- a. Board member Laidlaw thanked the volunteers who assisted with the Christmas by the Sea weekend. His family thoroughly enjoyed the parade and various festivities. It seemed like a lot of people were in town and hopes everyone benefited from the festivities.

2. Approval of Minutes from November 23, 2010. *Martin Cates made a motion to approve the Board Minutes as written. John French seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.*

3. Consideration of 2011 Commercial Fisherman Dock Applications. The Board considered the 2011 Commercial Fisherman Dock Applications. The applications have been recommended by the Harbor Committee for approval.

John French made a motion to approve the 2011 Commercial Fisherman applications. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

4. The Board considered the 2011 Daysailer Applications and Daysailer Schedule. The applications and schedule have been recommended by the Harbor Committee for approval.

John French made a motion to approve the five 2011 Daysailer applications and Daysailer Schedule. Morgan Laidlaw seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

5. Consideration of the renewal Camden Snow Bowl ski shop concession agreement with Charles E. Pearson, d/b/a Ragged Mountain Sports. The Board reviewed the renewal concession agreement with Charles E. Pearson, d/b/a Ragged Mountain Sports. Mrs. Smith reported the term of this agreement is for 24 months from May 1, 2010 to May 1, 2012.

John French made a motion to approve the renewal agreement with Ragged Mountain Sports as written. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

6. Approval of the 2011 Select Board Meeting Schedule. John French stated he would like to go back to Monday meetings because that was always the tradition. Mrs. Smith stated we changed the schedule from Mondays to Tuesdays to accommodate the Monday holidays.

Deborah made a motion to approve the 2011 Select Board Meeting Schedule as drafted with Select Board meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays except for the month of October the meetings will be on the 1st and 4th Tuesdays to accommodate the Pop!Tech Conference. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 4-1-0 vote. (French opposed)

7. Committee Reports

- a. Planning Board: Deb Dodge reported they discussed proposed ordinance amendments. Major time of the last meeting was spent talking with CAHO representative about the proposed amendment to the subdivision ordinance to require at least 75% of subdivision lots to have certificates of compliance issued prior to a town meeting vote to accept the road(s). After a lengthy discussion it was decided that CAHO will report back to the Planning Board with particular details of the cost of maintenance of subdivision roads and the financial hardship this would cause CAHO if this were passed.
- b. Energy Committee: Martin Cates reported the committee discussed the investigation of solar energy particularly around the Wastewater Plant; also discussed the town's street light inventory and doing an audit to see if the town is getting what we are paying for.
- c. CEDAC: Martin Cates reported CEDAC will be meeting on Thursday and they will be discussing the results from the last three strategic planning meetings. Ian Colgan will be at the 12/20 meeting to go over the inventory analysis that was done as part of the Gateway 1 grant we were approved for last June. In January the CEDAC meetings will revert back to the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 5:30 pm.

Karen Grove reported that there was an article on Yahoo finance about top 10 pieces of real estate available for free in the United States and the Tannery property was listed as one of the top ten. She said that Roberta told her that the town's telephone has been ringing off the hook since the article. Roberta stated that Mat Eddy interim Development Director told her he has 10 good leads after talking with some of the people as a result of this online article. The town did not market this with Yahoo they somehow picked it up and reported it.

8. Manager's Report

- a. The advertisement for the Development Director position has been posted and the deadline for applications is December 17th. There will be a subcommittee of CEDAC for the initial screening of applicants and then a broader committee will be appointed for the final screening of applicants.
- b. The town received a report from MMA regarding the town's Workers Compensation Annual Membership.
- c. We received the final report and pictures from Gartley & Dorsky regarding the Molyneaux Bridges repair project. The notable part is the construction part was \$52,978.69 which reflects a savings of \$11,021.41 as opposed to the proposed cost not to exceed \$64,000.
- d. The contractors have finished both the Steamboat Landing and Spring Street projects. Both of these projects will require the contractor to come back in the spring to finish some clean up and loaming and seeding and the wear coat on the paving for the Steamboat Landing project.
- e. The town received a letter from MDOT that they are re-advertising for the paving of Route 1 for the spring. The letter does not indicate whether they have funding just that they are re-advertising the bid.
- f. Manager Smith provided a collection of correspondence to the Board regarding the sewer back up incidence at 70 Elm Street. In the correspondence there is a report from Wastewater Superintendent Ross Parker regarding the incidence; a letter from the town's insurance carrier MMA stating the town is not liable for the damages; a

letter from the property owner outlining some of the costs they endured because of the backup; a letter from town attorney Bill Kelly regarding his analysis of the facts as he could determine them and statues involved in the town's liability; and a letter she sent back to the property owners with the town's final decision on reimbursement to them.

- g. The June 30, 2010 audits are available. She will ask the auditor to put together some graphs explaining the reports unless the Board prefers them to come to a meeting with a verbal report. Board members were okay with the graphs from the auditor and did not feel it was necessary for the auditors to attend a Board meeting.

9. Executive Session: Poverty Abatement request 36 MRSA Section 841

At 7:30 pm John French made a motion to enter into Executive Session: Poverty Abatement request 36 MRSA Section 841. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:55 pm.

A motion was moved and seconded to deny the poverty abatement request. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

A motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn at adjourn at 8:00 pm. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Esancy
Recording Secretary